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January 9, 2019
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PST/2:00 pm MST/3:00 pm CST. Council members and delegates present included:

AK—
AZ—Tim Franquist
CA—Tina Suarez-Murias, Webster Tasat, Jin Xu
CO—Garry Kaufman
HI—Mike Madsen
ID—Tiffany Floyd
MT—
NV—Sig Juanarajs, Sheryl Fontaine
NM—Liz Busby-Kuehn, Cindy Hollenberg
ND—Terry O’Clair
OR—Ali Mirzhakhalili
SD—Brian Gustafson
UT—Bryce Bird
WA—Nancy Pritchett, Kathy Taylor
WY—

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Regional Haze state planning readiness survey report (Emily Weissinger, see attached powerpoint)
2. Draft WESTAR Prescribed Fire-EE guidance comments for review and approval (Sheryl Fontaine, see attached draft)
3. Draft WESTAR RWH NSPS NPRM comment letter for review and approval (Bob Lebens, see attached draft)
4. Smoke management workshop update (Mary Uhl and Bob Lebens)
5. Regional haze EGU webinar and workshop update (Tom Moore)
6. Draft agenda for spring business meeting for review (Mary Uhl, see attached draft)
7. Impact of federal government shutdown on WESTAR and WESTAR budget (Mary Uhl)

¹ Draft will be considered final upon review and approval by a majority of the members, typically on the next monthly conference call.

8. Other items as time and interest permit

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda:

1. Regional Haze state planning readiness survey report (Emily Weissinger)

Emily presented on the western state readiness for RH SIPs. Survey occurred via email at the end of September. A synthesis report has been completed. There were 3 key findings from the survey:

- a. States need to evaluate IMPROVE monitoring data
- b. States need to use screening approaches to identify sources and initiate communication
- c. States need to proceed in creating communications and consultation strategies

Recommended next steps are for states to finish review of IMPROVE data, begin control measure analysis, and develop a plan for outreach and communication.

2. Draft WESTAR Prescribed Fire-EE guidance comments for review and approval (Sheryl Fontaine)

Guidance acknowledges it is for ozone but can be used for particulate matter. Many sections similar to wildfire guidance. Comments include:

- a. Guidance should be broadened to other air pollutants
- b. Tiering concept should be changed
- c. Interstate impacts are not addressed adequately
- d. Q/D use may not be appropriate
- e. Timing of submission should be clarified, need way for state submit the demonstrations before knowing regulatory relevance
- f. How much and what kind of data is needed for events not concurred upon by EPA
- g. Asked for opportunity to respond to interagency review

Garry Kaufman noted that the letter is very good.

Bryce Bird motioned to approve and submit with minor edits from Wyoming, Tiffany Floyd seconded. No one objected.

3. Draft WESTAR RWH NSPS NPRM comment letter for review and approval (Bob Lebens, see attached draft)

Bob provided some information about the 2015 RWH NSPS; EPA published an NPRM with comment deadline on January 14 as well as an ANPRM with comment deadline mid-February. The NPRM will result in a final rule this spring; primarily it extends the hydronic heater and furnaces compliance date by 2 years and takes comment on extending the woodstove compliance date and pellet fuel standards.

Wyoming doesn't work with the woodstove NSPS so would like similar language in the comment letter to that in the testimony.

Alaska and Oregon support the comment letter. Garry Kaufman motioned to approve and submit the comments, Alice Edwards seconded. There was no opposition.

4. Smoke management workshop update (Mary Uhl and Bob Lebens)

Mary and Bob reviewed the plans for the upcoming workshop considering the federal government shutdown. Ali Mirzakhali commented that "Smoke Management" assumes that fuels will be burned. In conversations about the workshop, alternatives to burning have been addressed, but we will ensure we bring this perspective forward.

5. Regional haze EGU webinar and workshop update (Tom Moore)

An EGU RH webinar will be held at the end of January; a meeting is planned for March 12 in Denver. Project is on track.

6. Draft agenda for spring business meeting for review (Mary Uhl)

The agenda will be more developed for the February call.

7. Impact of federal government shutdown on WESTAR and WESTAR budget (Mary Uhl)

Jeff Gabler noted that there are 2 upcoming trainings offered by SEEP employees who are under the authority of EPA. EPA has said that these employees will not be offering training during the shutdown. There is a training January 23-25 in Phoenix scheduled but will be postponed if the federal shutdown does not end. All other training should occur on schedule.

8. Other items as time and interest permit

The call was one hour in duration.